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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MORGAN ET AL.

Examiner

Michael N. Opsasnick

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 October 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldhor et al (5231670) in view of White (5386494).

As per claims 1,4,7, Goldhor et al (5231670) teaches means for predetermining a plurality of speech commands for system actions (col. 2 lines 40-55), means for detecting speech commands (as speech commands, col. 9 lines 21-29), means responsive to a detected speech command for displaying said command for a predetermined time (as displaying selected list of commands -- col. 5 lines 40-55), speech command means for stopping the system action designated by said displayed command (as null dictation event being specified -- col. 5 lines 35-39), means for executing the system action designated by said displayed command in the event that said system action is not stopped during said predetermined time period (as automatic execution of the dictation event via a dictation event handler -- col. 5 lines 17-30).

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Goldhor et al (5231670) does not explicitly teach displaying the commands, however, White (5386494) teaches displaying the commands as well (abstractm cik, 3 lines 20-30). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teachings of Goldhor et al (5231670) with displaying the command list because it would advantageously allow the user to doublecheck the computer to see if an erroneous command was selected (White (5386494), col. 3 lines 31-39).

As per claims 2,5,8, Goldhor et al (5231670) teaches speech command mean for executing the system action designated by said displayed command prior to the expiration of said time period (as allowing user to intervene at any time to specify a dictation event -- col. 5 lines 34-36).

As per claim 3,6,9, Goldhor et al (5231670) teaches wherein speech command means for executing said system action prior to said time period expiration is responsive to a repetition of the detected speech command (as allowing user to intervene at any time to specify a dictation event, which can be a repeat of the event -- col. 5 lines 329-39).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-9 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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Conclusion

4. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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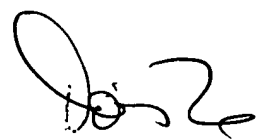
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Opsasnick, telephone number (703)305-4089, who is available Tuesday-Thursday, 9AM-4PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ms. Doris To, can be reached at (703)305-4827. The facsimile phone number for this group is (703)872-9314.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group 2600 receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4750, the 2600 Customer Service telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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